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REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections in the Office Action dated June 14, 2004, claim 1 has been amended and claim 20 has been canceled. Entry of these amendments, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below. Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, and 21-29 are now pending and under consideration.

Initially, applicant gratefully acknowledges the conditional allowance of claim 20, upon it being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, along with overcoming a § 112 rejection. Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate claim 20 therein, along with adopting the suggestions of the Examiner to clarify that the "second part" refers to the "second lower part" and the "first part" refers to the "first lower part". Also, "toward said rear of said lower gliding surface and said topsheet" has been removed from the end of previous claim 20 incorporated into claim 1 per the Office Action's suggestion.

Because previous claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the § 112 rejection, and claim 1 has been rewritten to do so, this claim is believed to be allowable.

Species Election:

Applicants respectfully reasserts that upon allowance of any generic claim, all claims previously depending thereon shall be considered regardless of whether such dependent claim reads upon the elected species. Thus, those claims depending on claim 1, previously withdrawn, should now be considered.

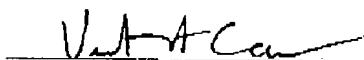
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

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